

DENISE PAGE HOOD

Denise Page Hood, a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University School of Law, presently serves as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in 1994. Judge Hood presides over numerous criminal and civil matters.

She has served on the state court benches of 36th District Court, Recorder's Court, and Wayne County Circuit Court and has worked as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the City of Detroit Law Department.

Judge Hood is an active member of several professional organizations: Chair of the Michigan State Planning Board for legal services; the State Bar Pro Bono Initiatives Committee; and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation Board. She is past president of the Detroit Bar Association and the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. In addition, she serves as a volunteer in various community groups including: vice president of the Olivet College Board of Trustees; the Harper-Hutzel Hospital Board of Trustees; and the InsideOut Literary Arts Project Board.

Judge Hood has received various honors, most recently the 2005 Michigan Anti-Defamation League's Women of Achievement Award and was named one of UPN's 2006 Black History Month "Hometown Heroes." Her review, *Affirmative Action: Where Is It Coming From and Where Is It Going?*, was published in the University of Michigan's Journal of Race & Law (1998). Judge Hood has served as Moderator of the United Church of Christ ("UCC"), USA, and as the Moderator for the Michigan Conference UCC. She is married to Reverend Nicholas Hood, III, Senior Minister of Plymouth United Church of Christ.